

“I know that some of you here question whether Iraq is part of the war on terror. Let me be very clear -- this is a battle between true Islam, for which a person’s liberty and rights constitute essential cornerstones, and terrorism, which wraps itself in a fake Islamic cloak; in reality, [it] wages a war on Islam and Muslim values -- and spreads hatred between humanity.”

Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki Address to Congress, July 26, 2006

Future State

- == A representative Iraqi Government that respects the human rights of all Iraqis.
- == Iraqi Security Forces sufficient to maintain domestic order.
- == An Iraq at peace with its neighbors and an ally in the war on terror.
- == Deny Iraq as a safe haven to terrorists.



Meeting the needs of the Iraqi people is key to defeating the insurgency in Iraq. Here are some examples of projects enhancing the lives of Iraqis:

== **Water:**

- Water projects have expanded access to potable water for an estimated 4.2 million people to a standard level of service, an increase of 1.2 million since May ‘06.
- The recently completed Sadr City water network will provide fresh water to approximately 60,000 residents of the Sadr City area.

== **Education:**

- Hundreds of thousands of Iraqi school children are attending new and refurbished schools while learning a revamped curriculum.
- The Coalition has rehabilitated 4,544 schools across Iraq.
- As of May ‘06, 8.7 million math and science text books and three million supply kits have been provided to Iraqi students.

== **Healthcare:**

- Six fully completed health care centers have been turned over to the Ministry of Health.
- 98% or nearly 5 million Iraqi children have been immunized.

== **Electricity:**

- Three-quarters of the Iraqi people receive twice the amount of power they received six months ago.
- Iraq averaged 14 hours of electricity daily.
- The latest numbers show Baghdad averaged 8 hours of state-generated power.

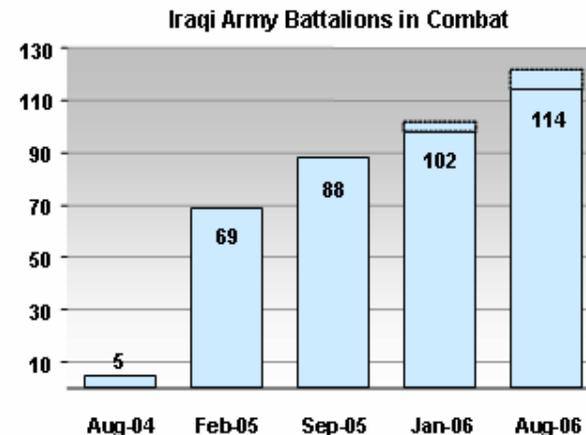


OPERATION TOGETHER FORWARD

Amaliya Ma’an Ila Al-Amam (Operation Together Forward) is an Iraqi-planned and led operation to ensure the security of Baghdad, the capital of the nation and the center of gravity, against attacks designed to uproot democracy and derail Iraq’s progress.



Iraqi Soldiers Conducting Operations
Army soldiers of the 7th Iraqi Army Division discover a weapons cache during a search in Ramadi, Iraq in August 2006.



NOTE: Includes special operations battalions and Strategic Infrastructure Battalions, but does not include combat support and combat service support units.

▬ Represents the addition of Strategic Infrastructure Battalions to the total number

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Fast Facts

Iraqi-led operations in Baghdad are designed to reduce the level of murders, kidnappings, assassinations and terrorism in specific areas in Baghdad, and to reinforce the Iraqi government’s control.

Military operations were implemented in three municipalities of Baghdad – Doura, Kadamiyah and Mansour. These operations will gradually progress into other neighborhoods around the capital in the weeks ahead.

The Iraqi-led operation focuses on the search of homes and businesses in targeted neighborhoods – to remove illegal weapons and deny a safe haven for extremists.

Photo: MG Caldwell with Iraqi commanders at a Neighborhood Advisory Council Meeting in August.



Iraqi Security Forces

Iraqi planned, Iraqi conducted, and most of all, Iraqi-led missions continue throughout Iraq.

In July 2004, there were no operational Army division or brigade headquarters.

As of Aug. 7, five division headquarters and 25 brigade headquarters are controlling their own area of responsibility.

In July 2004, there were no operational National Police units under the Ministry of the Interior.

As of Aug. 7, all 28 authorized National Police units are in the fight with two battalions controlling their area of responsibility.

In August 2004, there were roughly 184,000 trained and equipped Iraqi Security Forces.

As of Aug. 7, there are over 277,600 trained and equipped Iraqi Security Forces.

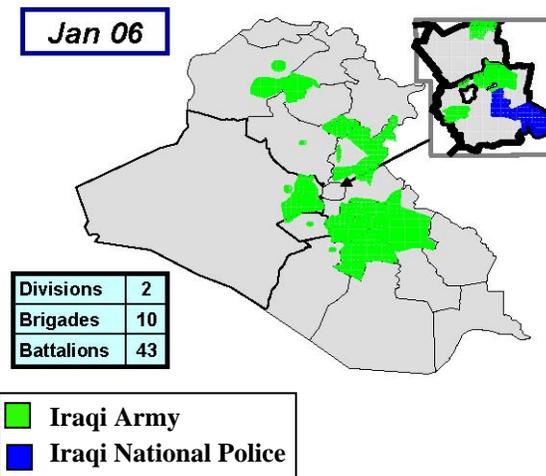
In August 2004, a handful of Iraqi Army battalions were in the fight.

As of Aug. 7, there are 106 Iraqi Army combat battalions with 85 controlling their own areas of responsibility.

Iraqis now maintain control over 48 operating bases (FOBs).

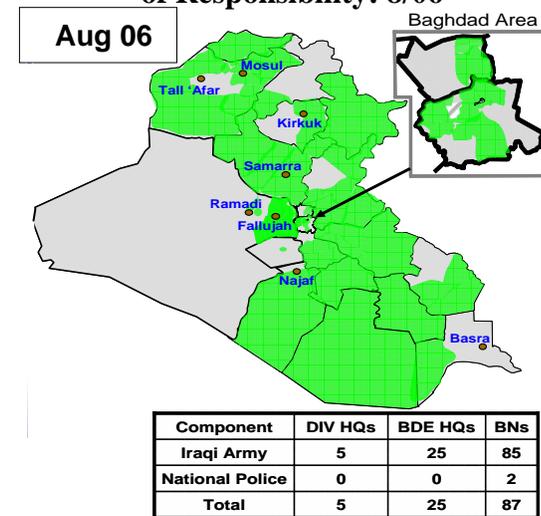
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Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) Controlled Areas of Responsibility: 1/06



In January '06, the Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) had 2 divisions, 10 brigades and 43 battalions that controlled areas of responsibility.

Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) Controlled Areas of Responsibility: 8/06



Today, the ISF has 5 divisions, 25 brigades, and 85 battalions that control their own areas of responsibility.